

THE MESSAGE OF JOHN THE BAPTIST
(Matthew 3:7-12)

- I. Addressed to an _____ Audience (Matt. 3:7a)
- A. _____ of the _____
- B. _____ of the _____
- C. They came “_____”
1. May mean they came to _____ John’s baptism
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- II. Pronounced an _____ Judgment (Matt. 3:7b-12)
- A. Began as a _____ rebuke (3:7a)
1. Called them “_____ of _____” (cf. Matt. 12:34; 23:33)
2. Asked who _____ them to _____
- B. Demanded _____ of _____
(3:8; cf. Luke 3:7-14; also Acts 26:20)
1. Begins with acknowledging _____
2. Includes _____ for _____

3. Results in a _____ life of _____

C. Denied that their _____ was _____
(3:9)

1. Being children of _____ did not make them
children of _____

2. _____ children of Abraham didn't need to be
_____ from Abraham

D. Implied their _____ was _____ (3:10; cf. Mal. 4:1)

1. They will be _____

2. They will be _____

E. Indicated that _____ was _____ (3:11)

1. The King who was coming was _____ than John

2. The King's baptism would _____ from John's

a. The _____ is baptized with the

b. The _____ will be baptized with _____

F. Described a divine _____ for _____
(3:12)

1. Christ will _____ His _____

2. Christ will _____ His " _____ "

3. Christ will cast the " _____ " into "unquenchable _____ "